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## ■ TATTOO SHOP

**Co-op offers real world experience**

DAVE JOHNSON  
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Lakeshore Catholic High School's Sarah St. Laurent among her peers had one of the more unique co-op placements this past semester. See **EDUCATION** | page 2

## ■ MUSEUM: Exhibits now on display



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Photographs of farm life in the community are now on display for the first time at the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum.

## Artifacts put on display for first time

DAVE JOHNSON  
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Never-before-seen photographs of farm life in the community and folk art items from Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum's collection are now on display as part of four concurrent exhibits.

Assistant curator Michelle Mason said the Different Strokes for Different Folks exhibit showcases homemade works of local art.

"We have individual items, things that would have been on display, like paintings and carvings. Most of the items are from our collection, but we have a couple that were loaned to us."

Mason said there are quilts, hamster and bird cages, weather vanes and a mascot from the former Lockview Park Secondary School that was made out of tin by students.

"We have these glass balls from Izle Glass that was in existence for two

years in the 1800s. The balls have collages inside. There are also seashell mosaics. A lot of the artifacts are connected to local families."

Mason said some families might be surprised by what their ancestors had.

Celebrating our Agricultural Past, Flour Power, and Mills and Marauders - The Rumour Wheels of War are the other three exhibits on display.

With a new summer student hired, the museum will look to develop a pioneer school program for elementary school students to tie in with the agricultural exhibit that features photographs taken by John and Chester Wichmann (father and son) and Thomas Woodward, who worked on a farm.

"We're really lucky to have these photos of the farming community because a lot of the photos back then were portraits. Farm work wasn't really documented at all."

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## ■ EDUCATION

## Students get taste of prospective career

FROM PAGE 1

St. Laurent worked at the Hart and Huntington tattoo shop in Niagara Falls with owner and Lakeshore grad Mike Alfieri.

"I love tattoos and I love to draw," said St. Laurent during an employer's appreciation breakfast for co-op employers last week at the high school.

Alfieri had co-op students from Niagara Falls in his business before, but decided to look to his former school for possible placements.

"I spoke to a couple of my former art teachers to see if there was a student who wanted to learn and had a decent background," he said, as he sat with St. Laurent.

Alfieri is a supporter of co-op programs, having taken part in one himself, and said a placement is like a six-month job interview.

While at the shop, St. Laurent was responsible for cleanup, among other things.

"Bleach was my best friend," she said.

She also did a lot of drawing and learned how to draw portraits, which she had never done before.

"This is something I want to do in the future," said St. Laurent, adding everyone in the shop was a lot of work to wish.

Alfieri and St. Laurent were the only two employees sitting together at the breakfast.

A number of companies that took in students were on hand.

"We appreciate all the employers who take in our students on a continual basis," said co-op teacher Margaret Benko.

Ninety-six students took part in co-op placement over the past two semesters, some working half-days and some working full days around the region.

While the placements give students valuable real life work experience, it shows them what they can expect to experience and help them determine if they want to continue in a certain field, said Benko.

Places that took in students included Meridian Credit Union, City of Welland, Hilton Hotel and Suites, Tambruri Bros. Garage, Dunnville Veterinary Clinic and the Pillar and Post.

Student Stephanie Perdue spent her time at the latter.

"From the moment I walked in the door, each staff member was receptive and welcoming," she said, addressing her fellow students and various employers.

She spent five months at the Niagara-on-the-Lake hotel, working in the kitchen.

"I began my three days a week experiencing life at the Pillar and Post, beginning with basic kitchen safety, how to use the equipment and my knife skills. With tremendous help ... my skills have improved during my co-op."

Perdue said co-op offers students to be introduced to a possible future employer. Her work was then employed by her an extension to part-time, and then to a full-time position while working toward an apprenticeship.

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## ■ MUSEUM



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Four concurrent exhibits at the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum will display photographs of farm life in the community and folk art items for the first time.

## Exhibits spark talk of ancestors

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Flour Power documents the former Maple Leaf Mills, now ADM Milling, which opened in 1911 and was one of the largest flour mills in the British Empire.

Mason said there weren't a lot of artifacts from the mill, but she was able to

get some photos from its old bag factory and one of a bag-counting machine. There is a chute with a Maple Leaf Mill bag attached to the bottom that is also on display.

"So many people talked about their grandfathers, uncles or themselves working there," Mason said of

visitor comments heard when the exhibit opened this past weekend.

Mills and Marauders - The Rumour Wheels of War is a teaser for the War of 1812 bicentennial.

"We have a computer so people can go online and see the regional collection of War of 1812 items."

The museum at 280 King St. is open daily noon to 5 p.m. with free admission. Its next event is Sunday, May 29, with Arabella's Pie Social and History Fair and Antique Road Show.

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# portraits

■ **CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK:** Local students participate in festivities

## Celebratory performances



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Lakeshore Catholic High School student Jacob Charlebois belts out an original song during the celebration of Catholic Education Week at Port Colborne Market Square on Friday, May 6. Students from local Niagara Catholic District School Board schools, including Lakeshore, St. Elizabeth, St. Patrick, St. Therese and St. John Bosco, performed a variety of numbers throughout the day.



MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

The choir from St. Therese Catholic Elementary School had the crowd moving at Port Colborne Market Square during the celebration of Catholic Education Week.



MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

Visitors to Port Colborne Market Square on Friday, May 6, were treated to a performance by a St. Therese Catholic Elementary School dance troupe.



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Chelsey Beauregard, Kristin Decicco and Kelsee Quesnelle, of St. Therese Catholic Elementary School, showcased their dance skills during the Catholic Education Week celebration at Port Colborne Market Square on Friday, May 6.

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## ourview

## Real world experience

Last week, Lakeshore Catholic High School thanked employers from across Niagara for taking on students throughout the year through co-op programs.

Students from the school worked a variety of businesses and fields, including Hart and Huntington tattoo shop, Meridian Credit Union, City of Welland, Hilton Hotel and Suites, Tamburri Bros. Garage, Dunnville Veterinary Clinic and the Pillar and Post.

Ninety-six students took part in co-op placement over the past two semesters, some working half-days and some working full days across the region.

While the placements give students valuable real life work experience, it shows them what they can expect to experience and help them determine if they want to continue in a certain field. It's almost like a pre-employment program. In addition to the work experience, the program can gain valuable social and interpersonal relationship skills while working with others. These programs see some students come out of their shells and flourish in the work environment.

Those who take part in the program may even get lucky and have their employer ask them to come back for the summer or even get them started in an apprenticeship program. And it's not just Lakeshore Catholic that runs the program, students from Port Colborne High School also take part in co-op placements.

We think the program is great for both students and employers and congratulate all those who take part in it.

## Ultimate Fishing Town – round two

Port Colborne has moved on to round two of World Fishing Network's second annual Ultimate Fishing Town Canada contest.

In total, Port Colborne had somewhere close to 30,300 votes at the end of the first round of balloting, making it first in Canada. The large number of votes has been attributed to social networking through Facebook and word-of-mouth.

People at city hall, a lot of Niagara Regional Police officers, Port Colborne High School and Lakeshore Catholic High School students, and the (Port Colborne-Wainfleet) chamber of commerce were all voting for the city in the first round.

We hope everyone will continue to vote for the city in the second round and bring the city one step closer to the \$25,000 top prize.

In addition to the \$25,000, which would be used for the club's walleye hatchery program, new fish-cleaning stations, strengthening the tournaments in the city and promoting the fishing opportunities that exist, a video produced by WFN on the winning town and what it has to offer would be made and shown on the network.

The video is pretty much free advertising for the city and would be a great help in attracting more anglers and bring in more tourists as well. We encourage everyone to go visit, sign up and vote at [www.wfnfishingtown.ca](http://www.wfnfishingtown.ca).

## I'VE BEEN THINKING

REV. GORD ABRAHAM  
Port Colborne Baptist Church

Passing the children's book section in a large book warehouse, the picture caught my attention.

The Title: The Human Body.

The cover showed a person with their skin peeled back exposing the heart, lungs, intestines and other internal organs.

Like a lightning bolt through my head, a thought flashed. The skin? What colour is it? Looking again, I saw that it was white. Then, another thought raced through my brain. It really did not matter what colour of wrapper we would find all of those essential organs. What mattered was that the same organs were present in every person regardless of the wrapper.

The next flashing thought came. Racism has its core the absolute idea that one colour or race is superior and that all others are inferior, to one degree or another, in comparison to the superior.

In the title of this article I purposely used the word absurd in connection with racism. Absurd is defined by Webster's as something so clearly untrue or unreasonable as to be laughable or ridiculous. So Racism is absurd. Plain and simple.

None the less, if anyone or any group who believe that they are superior is to deny the truth of the simple children's book cover. It is absurd because I have the same inferior as that person of another colour or race. All of us, of every colour and background have the same essential organs as everyone else. We are all human. All the same with different wrappers. Plain and simple.

So where is the problem?

The problem is in attitude which comes out in behaviour. The Superior has some mind group that has been established in a family or mind that is passed on to future

members by word and action. There is no reasonable basis for the feelings of superiority. It just becomes a truth, even though it is a lie.

Often it is justified by religion or by fear. The reality is that all religions are simply cheap excuses to raise oneself above others to make up for personal or group inferiority, fear and prejudice.

One who is a racist is usually one who themselves are weak, insecure and pathetic. Like the school yard bully who milks their like kind around one person and inflicts intimidation and beatings on that one person. So is the person who is a racist. There is no reason for it other than a sense of superiority based upon wrongly ingrained standards and prejudices as to what is superior and inferior.

My challenge to that faulty way of thinking and living is to ask, who drives the lie, what is superior? Who has the final word? Unfortunately, a false and prejudicial reading of the Bible and Christianity has led some today and even in time past to hold to a view of racial superiority for racism. The Bible does not justify any racism. Plain and simple.

The Bible makes it very clear that all people are created in God's image (Genesis 1:26-28). Male and Female and all racial offspring from that first parental couple. That in itself is an irrevocable argument against any racial prejudice. We have all come from the same parents. All created by God as equals.

Then there is the death of Jesus Christ, who is God in flesh. We are reminded that God has personally taken, on himself, the punishment of sin and penalty of death for the common condition of all people. This death was for all, no matter what race and skin colour. There are no exceptions or places of superiority or inferiority at the foot of the cross. Plain and simple.

## readers'views

### Green Energy is unprovable

I'm adding my voice against the Green Energy boondoggle in Ontario as soon as the province premier, Hydro costs a lot, and will cost more, because of the frenzy of Green that now grips the government and all politically correct citizens.

Green is just like Global Warming (the same that is turning Al Gore into a billionaire): not proven and unprovable. If you are one of many who are being subsidized by taxpayers to go green with solar panels, wind turbines and various "green" services, then for my money has already spoken, there's no hope of

your seeing the light (pardon the pun). Green energy is neither cost effective nor energy efficient (remember hydrogen, the alternative fuel that uses more energy to produce than produces energy).

In fact, dig deep and you will see that wind turbines are a dying cause in Europe, not just because they are costly and inefficient but also because they are a health hazard to humans and other animals. Google "wind turbines are bad" for information that is not politically correct or talked about. Also, Google "wind concerns Ontario" for the latest "green" services, then for my money the green energy boondoggle. There will probably

be as read through to the end of the Bible we see an image of people gathered around the throne of God, singing a song that acknowledges that Jesus Christ is the guardian of all human history as found in an unopened scroll. "You are worthy to take the scroll and open it's seals, because you were slain, and by your blood you purchased people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom of priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth" (Revelation 5:9-10). No inequality here.

God's new creation is not limited to any one group and all people groups and skin colours will retain their ethnic identity to show that the True and Living God is the God of all people and all people are his followers. No inequality here.

When I was a young child, I learned a song that I still love to sing. Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white all are precious in his sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world. From children comes wisdom that rebukes our adult, godless prejudices. Where do young children pick up that bitter prejudice and sense of superiority? Maybe that is why Jesus said if we were to be a part of His Kingdom we would have to become like children.

It's time for all of us to let the Bible read us. We are not to read into the Bible what we want it to say, so we can justify our own sin of prejudice, whether hidden or out in the open. Subsequently, we need to begin to act toward our fellow humans in a way that God wants us to act toward them and in a way that we would want to be treated, if we were in the royal situation.

God help us to really live out God's grace and mercy to others that we ourselves have received from him regardless of another person's background or wrapping. We are all the same inside.

be a different government in power in Ontario come October, but is that wannabe government worthy and has it spoken out against the boondoggle? Is the number of electors now receiving subsidies for green energy or green services are not enough to elect or defeat a government. Yet the next government will not cut off their funds or even eliminate the green pork barrel.

We electors have to become the wind and blow away false promises and false promises because it's just that: a false promise repeated on a false premise.

Wainfleet

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■ COLUMN: Duma puts down pen

# A heartfelt thank you and farewell



George Duma  
BY GEORGE

**G**eorge Harrison once wrote that All Things Must Pass.

And I suppose that's true. Ultimately, everything comes to an end.

Take relationships, for example. Relationships can last 60, 70, 75 years as we see with some marriages. And they end when one of the partners passes on.

And jobs. People have started jobs in their early 20s and stayed at them 40

or 50 years. But they do retire.

So ultimately, all things do pass, some just more quickly than others. After all, we're born, we live and we die. We pass on.

I thought of Harrison recently as I decided to say so long to writing a piece all things in the InPort. All things must pass, I thought.

When I left Niagara College as a journalism teacher at the end of the fall semester in December and joined Postmedia Editorial Services full-time, it was one of the best career decisions I've ever made.

My wonderful employees at Postmedia, from Alex Beer to Peter Depodesta to Teresa Honeyman, made

me feel like family. Still do. Life as the quality control editor of the Edmonton Journal is more fun than I could ever have imagined it would be. And I imagined it as being a lot of fun.

But with that fun comes responsibility, the responsibility of giving a 100 per cent effort to one's career.

The folks at Postmedia never once had a problem with me writing for a rival company, Sun Media, which owns The Tribune and InPort. They reasoned, quite correctly, that since Postmedia doesn't own any properties in Niagara, I wasn't competing with the company that pays my full-time wage. It's a

very gracious, professional position taken by gracious, professional individuals. I thank them for that.

But lately, I'm finding I simply can't devote the attention to both companies the way I feel I should. I can't work full-time for Postmedia and still put in the proper effort to a weekly column.

Well, not and have a life too.

So, it was with a heavy heart I came to the realization last week I'd have to give up writing for

the InPort.

I thank all those folks over the last many months that entrusted me to share their stories with the rest of the community. I appreciate you picking me and giving me the opportunity to write about you.

I'm grateful to the Tribune's Angus Scott, Dave Johnson and Dave Hanuschuk for the opportunity and the help they provided during the many months I've been doing this. I really appreciate it. And, a special

word of appreciation to DJ for the offer of coming back from time to time to write a guest column.

Finally, I would like to thank from the bottom of my heart you kind folks who took the time to read anything I wrote. It's very much appreciated. Anybody who writes for any publication always hopes there's somebody out there reading the stuff. Otherwise, of course, what's the point?

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■ DUMA

# Columnist 'blessed' with Port experience

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I always appreciated the feedback I received from you wonderful readers. And I consider myself blessed to share this amazing little city by the lake with you all.

In the meantime, I'll see you around town.

And, occasionally, if I get a great tip about a terrific subject matter, I'll run it by Angus and DJ to see if I can slip in that odd guest column.

So take care, dear readers, and thank you so much once again.

Till next time.

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*Editor's note: I'd like to thank George for all his hard work in coming up with and writing his columns for the InPort News. He will be missed by not only myself, but by our readers as well. We'll let him slip in the odd guest column or two when he wants.*

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■ ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION: Branch 56 honoured



LINDSAY COSTELLO Tribune Photo

On Sunday, members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 56 in Port Colborne received recognition for their years of service to the branch. Pictured from left are membership chairman Joyce Elliott, legion president John Barber, 60-year member Joe Laikie, Rodger Grant, who accepted on behalf of his father-in-law 65-year member Charlie Steele, and 65-year member Mike Bauer. In front is 65-year member Ed Scott. About 50 other members were also recognized for their various years of service.

■ **ROYAL WEDDING:** Nuptials celebrated by local youngsters

# Tea time at library



LINDSAY COSTELLO Tribune Photo  
Patricia Reles and her sons Ewan, five months, and Jackson, 2, shared snacks and smiles at the Port Colborne Library's princess and prince tea recently.

LINDSAY COSTELLO Tribune Photo  
Four-year-old Ryleigh Huneault shows her commemorative plate she created in celebration of the royal wedding at the Port Colborne Library's princess and prince tea recently.



LINDSAY COSTELLO Tribune Photo  
Stacey Hol, from the Port Colborne Library, reads a princess story to those attending the library's princess and prince tea in celebration of the royal wedding.

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### ■ BUSINESS: Little Caesars fresh on scene



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Little Caesars franchise owner Denis Vellelette puts pizzas in the oven during the grand opening of the Port Colborne pizzeria at 287 West Side Rd., beside the Tim Hortons, on Tuesday. The pizzeria will be open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 11 a.m. to midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. It even has a drive-thru window for quick pickups.

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THURSDAY, MAY 19

Port Colborne Horticultural Society will be having its May

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**Port Colborne Ontario Early Years Centre** offers interactive play sessions, mornings: Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and afternoons: Monday to Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. These programs are

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# ■ BASKETBALL: Hornets abuzz with Ontario Cup silver medal



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The Port Colborne Hornets who earned the silver medal in the atom girls division at the Ontario Cup basketball championships in London, Ont., include, front row, from left, Emily Meyden, Isabella Favero, Reaghan Edwards, Katie Raso, Kathryn Mullins; back row, coach Donnie Edwards, Olivia Turko, Madeline Wilcox, Alex Klauk, Victoria Fraser, Allyce Andrews, Reaghan Mitchell and coach Eric Mullins.

# ■ PORT HIGH



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The Port Colborne High School History Club is shown on their trip to Washington, D.C. last year.

# History club off to Boston

CARLY RICHARDSON  
For InPort News

Every year Port Colborne High School's History Club goes on a trip and spends a long weekend seeing the sights of this location. Last year, the club went to

Washington, while this year it will be travelling to Boston.

The trips always take place over the long weekend in May, and this year the history club will depart for Boston on Friday, May 20th.

In Boston, trip participants will have a chance to get a taste of the Salem witch trials when visiting the Witch Dungeon Museum for a re-enactment of the trials, as well as a tour of Salem itself.

The club will also embark on the Boston Duck tours, which is a tour of Boston and the Charles River in an amphibious machine from the Second World War. This tour will allow all the history club members to see Boston's

beautiful and historical attractions both on land, and in the water.

Also on the trip, history club will be visiting Fenway Park. Fenway Park is one of the oldest ballparks that is still being used in the United States for baseball today.

Harvard University will be another stop on the clubs trip. The participants will be going on a tour of Harvard, the oldest school for higher learning in the United States, which has been around for 350 years.

All of the history club members are counting down the days until leaving for Boston and a trip that will be forever remembered.



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■ **CONTEST:** Second round of voting underway

# Port angling to be the 'real' thing

DAVE JOHNSON  
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Chris Yalovica was very surprised when he saw the number of votes Port Colborne was getting in the first round of World Fishing Network's second annual Ultimate Fishing Town Canada contest.

"We had more votes than towns on the American side (of the contest)," said Yalovica, 444 International Walleye Tournament chairman and the Port Colborne and District Conservation Club executive member who entered the city in the network's contest.

World Fishing Network is a digital cable specialty shown in more than 20 million households through North American cable, satellite and telecommunications distributors. It is dedicated to all segments of fishing with programming that covers instruction, tips, tournaments, travel, food, boating, outdoor lifestyle and more. The Ultimate Fishing Town Canada contest will see the winning center awarded \$25,000 to use in the community.

Voting on WFN's website started April 12 and wrapped up last week. In total, Port Colborne had somewhere close to 30,300 votes at the end of the first round of balloting.

Yalovica attributed the large number of votes to social networking through Facebook and word-of-mouth.

"Networking really helped us. We had people at city hall voting for us, a lot of Niagara Regional Police officers, Port Colborne High School and

Lakeshore Catholic High School students, and the (Port Colborne-Wainfleet) chamber of commerce."

He said with such a wide range of people involved, it helped Port Colborne's vote keep up with and surpass the next nearest vote-getter in the Central Region category, Chapleau, Ont.

"Chapleau had surges and was keeping up with and getting ahead of us. One thousand votes in a weekend was nothing for them."

At one point though, he said, Port Colborne started to catch back up and surpass the northeastern Ontario town in the votes.

"People are really excited about this. We were getting e-mails 24 hours a day from people saying they were voting and not voting."

"Voting blocks" on the website allowed people to vote up to four times a day. All people had to do was enter an e-mail, wait for a confirmation e-mail and click on a link provided to register.

With the first round over, Yalovica is confident going into round two, which sees 20 centres compete for the grand prize and start off with zero votes. Round two of the voting started Tuesday and wraps up at the end of the month.

"I think we'll get 2,000 to 3,000 votes a day and could even see 5,000 votes a day," he said in encouraging people to vote as often as they can to help Port Colborne win the \$25,000.

Stephen Thompson, Port Colborne's general manager and director of economic development, tourism and marketing, is also encouraging residents to vote in the

second round of the contest. He said voting will become even more important in the second round as Port Colborne goes up against 19 other communities from across Canada.

When Port Colborne first discovered the contest, Thompson said the municipality contacted the conservation club about it.

"We figured they were a natural to work with and were glad to introduce them to it."

In addition to the \$25,000, which would be used for the club's walleye hatchery program, new fish-cleaning stations, strengthening the tournaments in the city and promoting the fishing opportunities that exist, a video produced by WFN on the winning town and what it has to offer would be made and shown on the network.

"Every angler who has been here has made comments on what a great place Port Colborne is for fishing year-round," said Thompson, adding a win would give the city great exposure from coast to coast.

More information can be found at [www.wfnfishingtown.ca](http://www.wfnfishingtown.ca), [www.facebook.com/UFTCanada](http://www.facebook.com/UFTCanada) and [www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=158858170844571](http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=158858170844571)



Florian Raby, shown dropping a walleye into a basket for the official weigh-in at the 444 Tournament in August 2008, is a member of the Port Colborne and District Conservation Club that is spearheading a campaign to get Port Colborne selected as Canada's Ultimate Fishing Town in an online contest sponsored by the World Fishing Network.

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## ■ RIGHTS: Rally held recently

# Bikers stress safety

LINDSAY COSTELLO  
For InPort News

PORT COLBORNE — Safety first.

Warmer weather means more motorcycles will be on the road — and because of that it's important for the Bikers Rights Organization of Port Colborne to raise awareness and ensure other drivers exercise caution this season.

BRO Port Colborne held a rally recently at the Belmont Motel to kick off bike season and promote safe riding.

Louis Legault, road captain and government liaison, said this is the first time the group has held a kickoff of this nature. Participants gathered at the motel for refreshments before heading out on the road at 10 a.m. to meet up with the Hog Niagara group as riders made their way to Niagara-on-the-Lake. About 50 riders planned to make the trip.

Legault said drivers often have a hard time seeing other vehicles or do not share the road, which can lead to collisions.

He said safety is a big issue that prompted the group to get involved and create petitions



LINDSAY COSTELLO Tribune Photo

Bikers Right Organization ride officer and government liaison Louis Legault joins Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badway and Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs to kick off bike season.

as riders work towards changing legislation and ensuring motorcyclists remain safe.

The Bikers Rights Organization of Port Colborne, which has 33 members, began five years ago. The group meets once a month and in addition to promoting biker safety, it holds various fundraisers to benefit the community.

The group will hold its first

weekly show and shine bike night Wednesday at The Belmont Hotel, where bikers can earn points each week in hopes of winning prizes at the end of the season.

Legault said he hopes to hold similar kickoff rallies in the future. Anyone is interested in joining the organization can contact him by calling 905-327-7062.

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Any patient on medication for sleeping should be careful of alcohol consumption because of the additive effects of drowsiness and respiratory depression. Patients have been known to aspirate their own vomit and die from intoxication. This could be more likely to happen if a person mixes alcohol with their sleep medication.

The same problem could exist when patients mix alcohol and opiates.

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### ■ VOLLEYBALL: Nickle Beach home to tourney

## Tournament to help Pocomar

InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — A beach volleyball tournament next weekend will benefit Port Colborne Marine Auxiliary Rescue (Pocomar) unit, says organizer Eryn Alhardt.

Pocomar is an all-volunteer Canadian Coast Guard auxiliary non-profit rescue unit that operates two vessels out of Sugarloaf Harbour Marina in Port Colborne. It is one of the busiest units in the central region of Canada. The unit

relies on fund-raising to upgrade and maintain vital rescue equipment needed for search and rescue operations on Lake Erie.

Alhardt says Red Bull will be on hand with its Sugga van and Red Bull girls, and each player in the tournament will receive a free Red Bull.

"We're going to have food and drinks available, a penny sale, prize table and two 50-50 draws. Every player also receives a T-shirt."

She's still looking for

anyone willing to donate prizes or items for the penny table and says any help would be appreciated.

The tournament costs \$100 for a team of six players and \$20 for each extra player. There are two divisions in the co-ed tournament: rec and intermediate. The first game starts 10 a.m.

"We'll have two bands playing, one from noon to 3 p.m. and another from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m."

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■ **JUDGES:** High school students look over work

# Youngsters design eco-friendly homes



From left, Hannah Traynor, Aidan Shaefer, Brian Last, Jordyn Gregovski and Emily Mayden, grades 4 and 5 students at St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School in Port Colborne, were awarded first place for their eco-friendly model home by Lakeshore Catholic High School students.

**VICTORIA GRAY**  
InPort News Staff

**PORT COLBORNE** — Young students are learning to conserve energy one house at a time.

Grades 4 and 5 students at St. Patrick's Catholic School in Port Colborne presented their science projects about eco-friendly homes to 12 Lakeshore Catholic High School Grade 12 science students who then judged their work last week.

Hannah Traynor, Aidan Shaefer, Brian Last, Jordyn Gregovski and Emily Mayden were excited to win and glad their hard work paid off. The group will be named to St. Patrick's Eco Team as a result.

"We spent a lot more time on the presentation, we worked really hard on it," Hannah said.

Brian enjoyed doing the project because he felt like he learned how to help the

world become a cleaner place. "It's important to learn this kind of stuff so we don't end the world basically," he said.

The winning team's house made use of a windmill, solar panels, hydro electric generator, rain water collection unit and more.

"They were all good, but the last one, they thought about their audience. As they grow older they will keep these ideas in minds and apply them," said high school student Emanuel Ruiz.

Lakeshore science teacher Tammy Pinelli said it is important her students were connecting with the younger children.

"(It gives) the Grade 12s a reminder about energy conservation before they move out on their own next year, and they were really happy to do it," she said.



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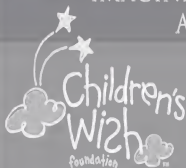




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## ■ SATURDAY: Event at Community Living

# Garage sale to help spruce up east side

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PORT COLBORNE — Port Cares, supported by the region's Niagara Prosperity Initiative, is hosting a community garage sale Saturday, May 14, at the Centre for Community Living on McRae Ave. in Port Colborne.

Proceeds from the event will help the beautification of the East Village, the area that is south of Durham St., west of the canal and north of Lake Erie on the east side of Port Colborne.

The city held recently a meeting to find out what residents wanted to see done in that community.

They said they want more green space and more community spirit.

This event encourages people to donate items to sell and socialize with neighbours.

All proceeds from the sale will help create green spaces on city land. People can donate items at Community Living from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 13.

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There will also be a barbecue, bake sale, plant sale, sports exchange and a silent auction. For more information contact 905-835-1914. The event runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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■ **TORIES:** Two candidates vying for position

# No local candidates for provincial election

ALLAN BENNER  
InPort News Staff

WELLAND — The provincial election is just more than five months away, but Welland riding associations have yet to launch their campaigns.

Tom Ballint from the NDP's riding association said he expects New Democrats to have their annual general meeting at the end of the month, and a nomination meeting will follow shortly after. The group will meet next week to finalize plans.

Ballint isn't expecting much to change.

"It's highly unlikely," he said, laughing. "Until (Peter Kormos) comes and says he's quitting. I'm sure we're not going to be changing him. You can be pretty sure

there won't be any challengers either."

John Mastroianni has yet to make up his mind on whether or not he'll put his name forward again to represent the Liberals in the October election.

Mastroianni said there are few factors to consider before making his decision,

such as potential work commitments and family.

He said there's another person interested in seeking the Liberal nomination.

"(Local party faithful) may want someone younger," the 61-year-old said, adding local Liberals will meet within three weeks to decide on their candidate.

Mastroianni finished in second place in 2007 with less than half the 24,779 votes MPP Peter Kormos received.

Former Port Colborne Mayor Ron Bodner ran for the Progressive Conservatives in the 2007 provincial election. He finished in third place with


8,719 votes.

This year, Sandy Annunziata, a former Canadian Football League offensive guard and Port Erie town councillor, and former Port Colborne city councillor Domenic Ursini have been nominated as potential candidates for the PCs.

Progressive Conservative

riding association president Mark Hardwick said a nomination meeting has been slated for Monday, May 16, at 7 p.m. at the Niagara College students centre. He is expecting a full house.

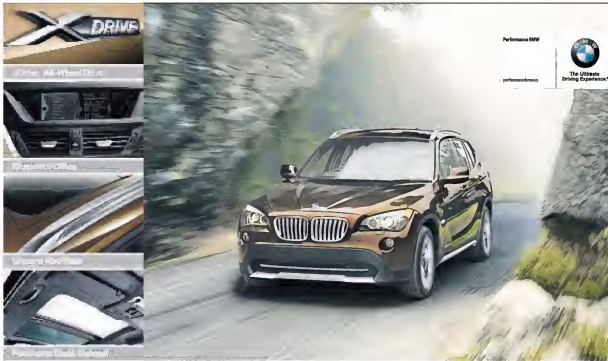
He said the membership "has increased significantly" and people here seem "ready for a change."



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#### ■ WAINFLEET: Ratepayers association meets

## Big Pipe plan 'down the drain' following unanimous vote

**VICTORIA GRAY**  
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — The controversial idea took six years to wash down the drain, but it finally did.

Last Saturday, the Wainfleet Ratepayers Association celebrated the death of the so-called Big Pipe at Port Colborne Brethren Christ Church in Wainfleet.

"Killed it, gone down the drain. It was a long, hard fight. In the end, I had to join them to beat them," said Betty Kone, a member of the Wainfleet township council.

The association served cake and coffee at its early morning meeting, but celebrations were not the only thing on association president Bruce Miner's mind. He believes the real work is just beginning.

"It's one of these, 'Let's celebrate, but not get complacent,' kind of times," he said. "Now we have to start finding, repairing and replacing these tanks."

On April 5, Niagara regional council's public works committee unanimously voted to scrap the Big Pipe plan that would entail building a pipeline from Port

Colborne into Wainfleet.

The pipe would supply water and sewer services to the township, because the region believed there was a large problem with faulty septic tanks leaking into groundwater supplies.

The idea of the Big Pipe was introduced more than six years ago and Konc fought it from the beginning.

The association crunched the numbers council sent out and found that the \$99-to-\$118-million project was going to cost individual homeowners an extra \$880 a month for the next 20 years to pay for the pipeline and

connect to water and sewer services.

"It didn't make sense from so many different angles," Miner said. "The various groups underestimated the cost and overestimated (homeowners') ability to pay for it."

The group also tested the water in surrounding areas and Konc said they found Wainfleet's water was "pretty good" compared to others. Now the group is looking

Now the group is looking into better methods to find, repair and replace faulty septic tanks in the area.

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VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo

Wainfleet Ratepayers Association president Bruce Miner discusses the death of the so-called Big Pipe project with association members Saturday at Port Colborne Brethren Christ Church.

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## ■ WAINFLEET

# Better options being sought

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"It's not as easy as it sounds," she said. "There's going to be lots of background work. It's what we've been saying for six

years. 'We want to fix our own septic tanks,' and now we have to do it."

Miner has also brought other topics to the table, such as windmills and health care. He said

the association can't stop bringing up the important issues.

"Where we are going to go on this, we'll brainstorm today," he said. "We've got some ideas, we're pretty creative folks."

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